WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An enclosure securing apparatus comprising:
- a handle housing disposed in a cover for an opening in an enclosure;
- a handle lever pivotably attached to said handle housing, said handle lever having first and second ends;
- a cam surface disposed at said first end of said handle lever for engagement with a lock housing; and
- a lock assembly integrated with said enclosure securing apparatus for locking said enclosure.
- 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said lock assembly further comprises a rotatable shank for engagement with said handle lever.
- 3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said rotatable shank extends through a first hole in said handle lever in a locked position.
- 4. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said rotatable shank is attached to a keyed tumbler.
- 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said handle housing further comprises a handle snap integrated with said handle housing for engagement with said handle lever when said handle lever is in a first position.
- 6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said handle lever further comprises a second hole receptive of said handle snap.

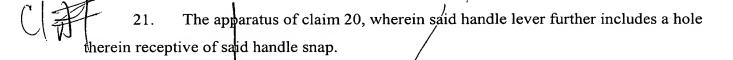


- 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said handle lever further comprises a detent at said first end for holding said handle lever in a second position.
 - 8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said detent engages a wing element of said handle housing for supporting said handle lever in said second position.
 - 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said handle housing and said handle lever comprise molded plastic.
 - 10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said lock housing and lock assembly comprise metal.
 - 11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said cover comprises a computer housing access panel.
 - 12. A holding mechanism comprising:
 - a housing; and
 - a lever arm attached to the housing, the lever arm comprising:
 - a first surface having first and second edges, wherein said first edge has a first wall extending therefrom, and the second edge has a second wall extending therefrom, said first and second walls extending in the same direction from said first surface; wherein said first and second walls each include a curvilinear surface; and wherein at least one of said curvilinear surfaces includes a protrusion disposed adjacent thereto for holding said lever arm in at least two positions.
 - 13. The mechanism of claim 12, further comprising a lock housing for engagement with said curvilinear surfaces to hold a cover to a chassis.



14. The mechanism of claim 12, wherein the housing further comprises at least one wing element adapted for releasing engagement with said protrusion.

- 15. The mechanism of claim 14, wherein said protrusion comprises a rounded surface to facilitate movement past said at least one wing element with the application of force to said lever arm.
- 16. The mechanism of claim 12 further comprising a lock assembly integrated with said holding mechanism for locking said lever arm in a first of said at least two positions.
- 17. The mechanism of claim 16, wherein said locking mechanism further comprises a shank for engagement with said lever arm.
- 18. The mechanism of claim 17, wherein said first wall of said lever arm further comprises a hole receptive of said shank for locking said lever arm.
- 19. The mechanism of claim 12 further comprising a handle snap integrated with said housing for engagement with said lever arm when said handle lever is in a first of said at least two positions.
 - 20. An enclosure securing apparatus comprising:
 - a handle housing;
- a handle lever pivotably attached to said handle housing, said handle lever having first and second ends; and
- a handle snap integrated with said handle housing for engagement with said lever arm when said handle lever is in a first position.



- 22. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said handle snap is biased to snappingly engage said handle lever.
- 23. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said handle housing and said handle snap comprise a single molded piece.
 - 24. An enclosure securing apparatus comprising:

housing means;

lever means attached said housing means;

locking means integrated with said housing and lever means for locking said lever means in a first position; and

holding means for keeping said lever means in a second position.

- 25. A method of securing an enclosure to a chassis, wherein the enclosure includes a securing lever arm, comprising: engaging said enclosure with said chassis without holding said lever arm.
- 26. The method of claim 25 further comprising pivoting said securing lever arm to secure said enclosure to said chassis.
- 27. The method of claim 25 further comprising snapping a lever snap to said lever arm.
 - 28. The method of claim 26 further comprising locking said lever arm.

29. The method of claim 25, wherein said enclosure comprises a computer

housing panel.